

REMARKS

Applicants claim priority to International Patent Application PCT/DE03/00964 filed in the German Patent Office on February 14, 2003, which claims priority to German Patent Application 103 06 318.8 filed on April 19, 2002, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20 and entered new claims 21- 48. Applicants have amended the specification by adding a paragraph at the beginning of the application, deleting a paragraph on page 4 and amending a paragraph on page 13. No new matter has been entered as a result of this amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for an early examination on the merits. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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